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LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF WEAKER SECTIONS IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national programme has been launched in various districts of Bihar and Jharkhand for rehabilitation of weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of districts selected for this purpose along with the amount released for this programme during the last two years; and

(c) the time by which remaining districts of these States are likely to be included under this programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has launched two schemes for rehabilitation of weaker sections:

(i) National Scheme of Liberation & Rehabilitation of Scavengers (NSLRS)

(ii) National Programme for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD)

(b) NSLRS is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and funds are released to the States. No proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar under this scheme. The proposal from Government of Jharkhand has been received during 2000-01 to set up sanitary marts in the districts of Chatra, Deoghar, Dhanbad, Garhwa, Giridih, Palamau, Sahebganj and West Singhbhum.

The NPRPD is a State Sector Scheme, which was launched in 1999-2000. During the Ninth Plan Period, the Ministry released funds under this scheme but in the Tenth Plan, the States have to fund the programme through their own resources. So far, under this scheme, the following districts have been covered in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand;

Bihar = Bhagalpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Muzaffarpur and West Champaran
Jharkhand = Hazaribagh, Jamshedpur, Ranchi.

Amount released under these schemes during the last two years is given below:

Amount Released (Rs. In Lakh)

State/Year	NSLRS	NPRPD
Bihar		
2000-01	NIL	322.25
2001-02	NIL	251.75

Jharkhand		
2000-01	1085.00	NIL
2001-02	NIL	156.05

(c) Under the Scheme of NSLRS, no proposal has been received from the State of Bihar and Jharkhand to cover the remaining districts. In case of NPRPD, the coverage of more districts will depend on the States.